

BULGARS LOSE
MORE GROUND

French, Entering Offensive
on Macedonian Front,
Win a Town

SERBIANS PUSH AHEAD
TO BELA VEDA RIVER

The British Repulse Violent
Counter-Attack Near
Struma River

Paris, Oct. 7.—French troops on the Macedonian front have just entered the offensive with the British and Serbians. The war office reports occupation by the French of the town of German on Lake Preshe. The Serbians, continuing their advance north of Kaimakalan height, have reached the valley of Bela Veda, a tributary of the Cerna. British troops, which crossed the Struma and occupied Nevolven, have repulsed a violent counter-attack by the Bulgarians.

ALL QUIET ON THE SOMME.

Extraordinary Calm Prevails All Along
the Line.

Paris, Oct. 7.—The hill continues on the Somme front. To-day's official announcement says the night was passed quietly along the battle line in France.

RUMANIANS ROUTED.

Along Front 50 Miles Long—Bucharest
Admits Defeat.

London, Oct. 7.—Turning against the Rumanians who had been advancing steadily in eastern Transylvania Austro-Hungarian and German troops have defeated the invaders decisively along a 50-mile front. North of Forgas at the junction of the Homorod and Alt rivers near Rups, the Rumanians are in retreat pursued by the Teutonic troops.

The successful repulse of the invaders on the southern end of the line was in the hands of Gen. von Falkenhayn, former chief of the German general staff, who only last week routed the Rumanians around Hermanstadt and drove them back to their own frontier. North of Rups the Austro-Hungarians recaptured positions and took more than 200 prisoners. Bucharest admits the Rumanian troops in eastern Transylvania have been withdrawn before attacks by superior forces in the region of Forgas.

In Dobruja heavy fighting continues along the line south of the Constantza-Bucharest railway with Bucharest recording progress for the Russians and Rumanians in the center and on their left wing.

While Gen. Brussiloff apparently has ceased his attacks against the Austro-German lines in Volhynia west of Lutsk he continues southward his assaults with great intensity against the positions of the Teutonic allies guarding the approaches to Lemberg, capital of Galicia. Although the Russian attacks were held up northeast of Lemberg those south-east of the capital, according to Petrograd, resulted in taking of positions south of Brezany and the capture of 500 prisoners. Berlin, however, declares that all Russian attacks in Galicia have been repulsed and that the Austro-Germans have taken 1200 prisoners from the Russians.

In Macedonia the armies of the entente allies continue to advance. The British troops which crossed the Struma northeast of Saloniki have taken Nevolven which was evacuated by its defenders. South of Monastir, Serbia, violent fighting in the region of the Cerna river is reported by Paris.

The artillery continues active on the Somme front in France, according to the reports from the war office of all the belligerents.

A delayed dispatch from Constantinople tells of the route of Russian troops northwest of Hamadan, Persia. Tribesmen in Isfahan, says Constantinople, have revolted and driven the Russians from the city. Petrograd, on the other hand, reports progress for the Russians west and southwest of Trebizond in Armenia.

U. S. FARM LOAN
BOARD GETS
100,000 LETTERS

Many People Seek the Aid of the Board
to Save Their Mortgaged
Homes.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Enough applications for farm loan association charters to assure the success of the farm loan banks have been received by the farm loan board, it was learned yesterday.

A bushel of mail a day has been the average received. Included are 100,000 requests for information about the act—a record, officials think.

One form of request noted by the board is from persons who want immediately loans to keep their rural homes and farms from mortgage foreclosure. A Long Island woman owning an acre of land asked the board to extend credit because she would lose her home, otherwise, being behind in the interest on a mortgage she made to enable her to live through last winter.

The board was forced to reply that until farm banks are organized the money appropriated by Congress is unavailable.

The board yesterday announced it will hold hearings in Trenton, N. J., Oct. 16; Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 17, and Baltimore, Oct. 18. Secretary McAdoo and Commissioners Norris and Quick, Lobdell and Smith will make up the party.

The board wants to obtain the attendance of farmers and other persons interested in or having information about farms and farm problems. Among the questions it will take up will be interest rates, commissions on loan, the difficulty of obtaining loan extensions and the effect of credits on farms.

CHICAGO AWAKE
YESTERDAY 30
DEGREES COLDER

Hottest October Day Descends Over Night
to Temperature of 57, While
Lake Dwellers Shiver.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Chicagoans yesterday shivered in a drop of the temperature over night of thirty degrees. Thursday, the hottest October day on record here, the thermometer climbed to 87 degrees. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning the official temperature was 57 degrees.

STEAMER SUNK BY COLLISION.

Other Vessel Was Seriously Damaged
Near Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 7.—The British steamer Hawkhead, at anchor in Hampton Roads off Sewall's point, was run down and sunk about eight o'clock last night by the Chesapeake Steamship Co. bay line steamer, City of Norfolk, outward bound from this port for Baltimore with a number of passengers. The City of Norfolk was badly damaged about the bow, but there was no loss of life so far as is known. The collision occurred during a heavy fog.

Captain Hand and the crew of the Hawkhead were taken off by boats lowered by the City of Norfolk, the river steamer Pocahontas and other craft. Fifteen minutes after being struck the British ship had settled in 30 feet of water.

Nearly 100 passengers on the City of Norfolk were at dinner when the crash came. There was great excitement, but the officers soon succeeded in restoring order. The Pocahontas came alongside the City of Norfolk and the passengers were transferred to the river craft, but they remained there only a short time, being put aboard a bay liner of the Baltimore Steam Packet Co., which took most of them on to Baltimore.

Although the City of Norfolk's bow was carried away for ten feet, the collision bulkheads held and she turned about and steamed slowly back to this port, assisted by tugs.

GRANDSON OF
SENATOR CRANE
HAS PARALYSIS

Winthrop Murray Crane, 34, ill with
Disease at Parent's Home
in Cranville.

Pittsfield, Oct. 7.—Winthrop Murray Crane, 34, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Crane of Cranville, and grandson of former United States Senator Winthrop Murray Crane is ill with infantile paralysis. The case was reported to the board of health of Dalton yesterday.

GOT FRACTURE OF SKULL.

Another Man, Hit by Engine, Not So
Seriously Injured.

Bellows Falls, Oct. 7.—Michael Carroll of Bellows Falls and Patrick Lynch of North Walpole, N. H., were struck by an engine at Wilson's crossing in North Walpole about 6:30 o'clock last evening and were taken to the Rockingham hospital. Carroll sustained several injuries, including a fractured skull, and Lynch was badly injured, especially about the face. A third man, who was with them, was not injured.

AUTO TURNED TURTLE.

Five Adults and One Baby in Accident at
Waterbury.

Waterbury, Oct. 7.—A Ford automobile carrying five grown people and one baby turned turtle near the covered bridge south of this village last evening, pinning all the occupants down and breaking one shoulder of Napoleon Deguy of Bristol. The others were bruised and severely shaken up in the overturn. All were taken to their homes in Bristol last night after having been treated here.

MONTPELIER

Abie Aaron Arrested on Charge of Breach
of the Peace.

As the result of a fight which occurred early last evening in an alley leading from Main street, Abie Aaron was arrested and will be arraigned in court on charge of breach of the peace. Aaron and Max Zemell of Randolph, who is visiting in the city during the Jewish holidays, became engaged in a heated argument and it is alleged the Montpelier man struck Zemell in the face, cutting his eye and cheek. Zemell's injuries were treated by Dr. W. R. Harkness and Aaron removed to the jail.

Philip Fraser of Taunton, Mass., arrived in the city this forenoon for a visit with relatives. He is employed by the Bay State Electric company.

Checklists for the November election have been revised and posted and the first meeting of the board of civil authority will be held Oct. 21 at 7 o'clock in the city hall.

Among the score or more local people who left yesterday afternoon and last evening for Boston to attend the opening of the world's series games were E. T. Seguin, E. A. Harris, David Spier, Daniel Campbell, A. H. Temple, Elmer Pierce, Harry Hull, Dr. G. C. Cowan and Sheriff H. H. Tracy.

Miss Margaret McKee, who is taking a nurse's training course at the Holyoke, Mass., hospital, is spending two weeks in the city with her parents and other relatives.

William Mackin of upper Berlin street slipped and fell on an iron rubbish receptacle, one of many on the main streets, last evening and cut his face quite severely. He was able to drive home after having the attention of a physician.

Miss Lillian Henry of Barre street, who has been spending a three weeks' vacation with friends at Dorchester, Mass., returned home last evening.

While retired baseball fanatics are crowding the city hall auditorium to watch the play-off game show the world's series games play by play, Montpelier seminary and St. Johnsbury academy will be playing the autumn game on seminary campus and the football teams of the high school and state "aggies" will clash at Inter-city. Both games start at 5 o'clock.

NO KNOWLEDGE
OF PEACE MOVE

State Department Officials
Know Nothing of Gerard's
Rumored Errand

VON BERNSTORFF
CALLS IT UNTRUE

Sensational Report Gets Little
Support in Wash-
ington

Washington, D. C., Oct. 7.—Ranking officials of the state department say that they have no information to indicate that Ambassador Gerard is bringing home a request from Germany that the United States intercede to end the European war, and were inclined not to believe the story. Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, declared he knew positively it was untrue.

While the department does not believe Mr. Gerard would accept so important a mission without notifying his government, it is realized that available means of communication between Washington and Berlin are hazardous where delicate subjects are involved. The ambassador is felt, might be especially reluctant to attempt to communicate with the department regarding a matter as important as a peace proposal, with the risk that his message might fall into the hands of the allies.

Officials at the department said only a specific request for mediation would bring about any effort by this country to effect a European peace. It is felt both groups of belligerents have been so rigid in their attitude that any advance by a neutral would have to be extremely cautious.

There is a growing conviction among some officials that a military peace brought about by almost direct negotiations between the belligerents will be the probable outcome of the war.

New York, Oct. 7.—The New York Evening Post yesterday published a story saying that it had been learned from a trustworthy source that Ambassador James W. Gerard, now on his way back from Germany, will lay before President Wilson within a week.

It is a fact, however positively it may have been denied officially, that the possibility of President Wilson acting as mediator has been discussed by German officials with Ambassador Gerard. It is therefore by no means surprising that the reports now take definite shape in connection with Mr. Gerard's trip to the United States.

"Germany has definitely decided to apply to President Wilson," the article reads, "to use his good offices in suing for peace with the allies. This was learned yesterday from sources in a position to have absolutely trustworthy information on these matters."

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Seventy-five members of the class of 1917 at Spaulding high school journeyed last evening to Williamstown for a huskiness bee at the farm of Kimball Chapman. Two barges were required to transport the seniors and the members of the faculty who accompanied the students. The corn huskers were hospitably received at the Chynoweth farm and no time was lost after the seniors arrived in getting down to the corn shucking business in the granary. Afterward a luncheon consisting of coffee, cake, doughnuts and sandwiches was served. The faculty members who made the trip included Miss Vaughn, Miss Carter, Miss Newberg, Miss Crosby, Miss Robinson, Miss Howard, Miss Eva Smith, Miss M. Hubbard, Charles L. Brown and John T. Hubbard.

The Bay State Artesian Well Co., which has been drilling a well for Perry brothers, in the Townsend pasture on the west hill, completed the work Thursday night and yesterday the well was tested to see the amount of water which could be taken from it in twenty-four hours.

From 8 o'clock yesterday morning until 5 o'clock this morning the well pumped 16 gallons of water every minute or 21,600 gallons during the 24 hours. The well is located well up the hill side in the pasture and its depth is about 80 feet.

TO REPRESENT VERMONT.

Boys and Girls at National Dairy Show
in Springfield, Mass.

Boys' and girls' demonstration and judging teams, covering projects indicated below are to represent Vermont at the national dairy show and eastern states exposition at Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 13.

1. Team to demonstrate and judge in poultry. John A. Alexander, South Royalton; Bertha E. Belknap, Cavendish; and John H. Vendell, Windsor.

2. Team to demonstrate and judge in farm and home handicrafts. Sherburne C. Potts, St. Johnsbury; Orris Jenks, St. Johnsbury, and Stanwood Brooks, St. Johnsbury.

3. Team to demonstrate and judge in dairy project. Dewey A. Spooner, Barre; Reginald Reed, Concord, and Ralph B. McIntire, East Calais.

4. Team to demonstrate in pig projects. Ralph Hovey, Lyndonville; Alice Hoyt, Lyndonville; Reginald Grady, Lyndonville.

5. Team to demonstrate in canning, bread making and garment making, and to judge in canning. Dorothy Smith, Jeffersonville; Hazel Cyr, Jeffersonville; Ina Westover, Jeffersonville, and Lesie M. Cobb, Jeffersonville.

6. Team to demonstrate in potato, market gardening and corn projects, and to judge in potato project. Otis C. Chadwick, Randolph Center; Harold L. Poor, East Brookfield; Edward C. Melby, North Ferrisburgh.

The teams are to leave their schools on October 12, and will meet at White River Junction, from which place they will proceed by the 2:30 p. m. train to Springfield.

Schools where the young people are enrolled are planning to give them an inspiring send off. Other schools along the route of travel will probably meet at their respective railway stations to cheer the teams.

GETS \$1,787.33 DAMAGES

For Death of Boy in Canal at Readsboro.

Rutland, Oct. 7.—The jury in the case of Victor A. Agostini, administrator of Livio Franceschetti, aged five years, vs. the National Metal Edge Box Co. of Readsboro yesterday afternoon returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff damages of \$1,787.33. Nearly six hours were required to reach a decision. The boy, Livio, was drowned in the defendant's canal and the administrator sued under a negligence act for \$10,000, claiming that the stream was not properly guarded.

Frank Roberts, who has served two years in state prison at Windsor, pleaded guilty to burglary of the East Ryegate postoffice and was sentenced to serve six months at the house of correction. Fred Bailey, who was brought here from Chittenden county jail, admitted sending obscene literature through the United States mails and was fined \$25 and costs. Robert Williams of Burlington, a railroad porter, pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with having a quantity of heroin in his possession unlawfully and will stand trial.

The grand jury, which had been at work since Tuesday morning, completed its duties yesterday and was discharged. Nothing was made public as to the number of bills found and those not found, but Foreman Park H. Pollard of Chester handed Clerk F. S. Platt a bundle of about a dozen papers, indicating that a lot of business was considered.

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CROWD SURGES
INTO GROUNDS

To Witness Opening Game
Between Brooklyn
and Boston

CARRIGAN UPSETS
ALL CALCULATIONS

By Announcing That Choice
of Pitchers Would Not
Include Leonard

Boston, Oct. 7.—Clear skies, light breezes and moderate temperature combined today to form perfect weather conditions for the first game of the world baseball series between the Brooklyn Nationals and the Boston Americans.

The question of who would pitch for Boston was still an open one as the crowds surged into the Braves' field when the gates were thrown open at 9 o'clock this morning. Manager Carrigan had upped all calculations at the eleventh hour by authorizing the statement that his selection would be between Ruth, Shore and Mays. Ruth was regarded as the probable choice. Previously it had been intimated that Leonard would be called upon, and the reason for Carrigan's choice was not known.

For Brooklyn it was thought that Marquard would serve his left-handed shoots. The identity of the pitchers was a considerable factor in the making up of the line-up of either team, both Manager Robinson and Manager Carrigan relying on interchangeable outfields to bring out added strength and having in mind the ability of the different players to hit left or right-handed delivery. Before the game it appeared that the lineup would be as follows:

Brooklyn. Boston.
Johnston, r. f. Hooper, r. f.
Daubert, 1 b. Hoover, 2 b.
Myers, c. f. Walker, c. f.
Wheat, l. f. Hobitzel, l. f.
Cutshaw, 2 b. Lewis, l. f.
Mowrey, 3 b. Gardner, 3 b.
Scott, s. s. Scott, s. s.
Myers, c. f. Carrigan, c.
Marquard, p. Ruth, p.
Empire—Connelly, O'Day, Dineen, Quigley.

MUSTERING OUT TROOPS.

Four Companies Released From Federal
Service To-day.

Burlington, Oct. 7.—Companies I of Brattleboro, of Springfield, I of Newport and D of St. Johnsbury were mustered out of the federal service to-day. Companies A of Rutland, B of St. Albans, and M of Burlington will be mustered out Monday and Companies F of Northfield, G of Winooski and H of Montpelier will be mustered out Tuesday.

An organization which it is hoped will finally comprise all of the members of all National Guard organizations which saw service at the border has been inaugurated by the first regiment of infantry, Vermont National Guard.

The following temporary officers have been elected for the organization, which will be known as "The Military Order of the Centipede": President, Col. Ira L. Reeves; treasurer, Lieut. Harold F. Wakefield; secretary, Sergt. Maj. H. B. Shaw.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Revs. W. A. Davidson and J. S. Braker returned this forenoon to Burlington, after having assisted in services at the First Baptist church.

Reginald Davis commenced a vacation of a few days from the E. M. Lyon grocery to-day and will leave this afternoon for Plainfield, where he will visit at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gray of South Main street left this morning for Lebanon, N. H., where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Gray's sister, Mrs. L. A. Atelle, for several days.

A continuance in the case of State vs. Mrs. E. Albano was granted by Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court this morning. Mrs. Albano, whose husband was found guilty in county court last night of assault with intent to kill, was convicted of selling liquor in city court a fortnight ago and was given two weeks to raise a fine of \$400 and the costs incident to her prosecution. In the extended period she hopes to receive favorable news from her son, who is in California.

A second continuance was granted today in the case of State vs. Guilo Valsegiallo, charged with a breach of the peace, who is to receive sentence Monday on a plea of guilty entered last Saturday. Leo Granati, the boy whom Valsegiallo, a blacksmith, is alleged to have struck across the arm with a pair of tongs, was on hand this morning to see his alleged persecutor sentenced.

County Agent F. H. Abbott returned to Barre this morning from Duxbury, where he attended the Duxbury grange fair and children's exhibit yesterday afternoon and evening. The fair was a great success in every way and one of the largest crowds was in attendance of any of the grange fairs in Washington county this year. The children's exhibit was a big feature of the entertainment, as the children showed some nice things. Supt. Darrows of the Duxbury school district gave a talk which was followed by a well planned program. To-day Mr. Abbott is gathering plant specimens to send to Springfield, Mass., to be displayed at the convention later in the month. He has secured a prize root of alfalfa grown on the George McFarland alfalfa plot on the South Barre road, the seed being sown in June, 1915. The root of the plant measured 44 inches in length and had a good brush of small roots which branched from the main root stock. This field of alfalfa has been harvested four times this year, with five tons of hay for the crop. The talk of hay which will be sent to Springfield was the fifth growth and measures about 14 inches from the root to the tip of the leaves, seems to win the hunting again this year.

PROGRAM FOR CONVENTION.

To Be Used By Vermont W. C. T. U. in
Barre Next Week.

The 42d annual convention of the Vermont Woman's Christian Temperance union will be held in the Methodist church at Barre Oct. 10, 11 and 12.

Tuesday evening Ida Read union will give a reception in the church parlors from 7 to 8 o'clock, with the following program: Words of welcome on behalf of the churches, Rev. B. G. Lipsky; for the schools, Prof. O. K. Hollister; for the Woman's club, Mrs. A. Duncan; for the citizens, C. S. Andrews; for the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Grace Waterman; response, Mrs. G. E. Davidson; music; address, Miss Mary F. W. Anderson of Boston at 8 o'clock.

The convention opens Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock with roll call and reports of officers. The afternoon session opens at 1:30, when each local president will tell in one minute the best thing her union has done each year, in charge of the county presidents. There will be a solo by Mrs. Grace Cutler and Rev. Mabel T. Winch of East Arlington will give an address on "Educating Public Sentiment." Pledges for state work will be called for at this time. Miss Mary F. Anderson of Boston will give a short address.

Wednesday's evening session opens at 7:30 with scripture and prayer by Rev. Edgar Crossland; music; address, "The Temperance and the Liquor Traffic," Mrs. Anna Tillinghast, Beverly, Mass.

Thursday morning at 9:30, devotional meeting, led by Miss Ellen H. Wagner. At 11 o'clock, election of officers and memorial hour, led by Mrs. W. H. Avery. Afternoon session at 1:30, opened with singing and prayer by Miss Grace Price; reports; solo, Mrs. Gladys Bradley; address, "The Influence of Woman's Vote on Moral Reform," Mrs. F. H. Rastall, Manchester Center; introduction of white ribbon recruits; music; address by Mrs. Ida H. Read of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Thursday evening at 7:30, service of song and prayer, Rev. B. J. Lehigh; music and prize speaking in the medal contest, with the following speakers:

"The Man of the Hour".....Grota
Richard F. Cruikshank
"The Madonna of the Curbs".....Phelps
Marguerite Currier
"The Everlasting Whisper".....Tinning
Sylvia Rizzi
"Blunders".....Anonymous
Howard Wilber Geake
"The Story of Patsy".....Wiggin
Marion W. Anker
"Waterloo, Our Fight, His Victory".....Conner
Lorraine Longier

These meetings are all open to the public. Delegates and officers are entertained free. Visitors' meals furnished for 25 cents. Dinner and supper will be served in the vestry of the Methodist church. Those who have promised food for these meals will please send it in before Tuesday noon. Those having rooms for the delegates will please notify Mrs. Grace Waterman, 21 Camp street, chairman of entertainment committee.

BETHEL IS HOPEFUL.

That Big Granite Contract for Chicago
Building May Be Secured.

Bethel, Oct. 7.—A very persistent rumor that the Woodbury Granite company had been awarded the contract to furnish material for the proposed Western Union terminal at Chicago, or at least that it was awarded on Thursday, was denied yesterday at the company's office in this place, where it was stated that when action by the Western Union was deferred last spring a date about this time was named at which the matter would be again taken up, but owing to the continued abnormal cost of steel and consequently of any buildings of that class, even if taken up, nobody expects a contract will be awarded at present.

The Woodbury Granite company has a bid in for the contract and considers its chances good when the time comes. At present about 15 men are working at the local sheds, where usually 200 or more are employed.

SUSPECTED CASE AT BRANDON.

Schools Have Been Closed Because of
Apprehension.

Brandon, Oct. 7.—School was closed here yesterday noon until further notice on account of the development of a suspected case of influenza. Mrs. Mary E. Marlette, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marlette of Maple street. The girl was taken ill during the noon recess. She had not been feeling well for several days and had not been in school, but felt well enough to attend Thursday morning and was allowed to go. One of the child's legs appeared to be paralyzed. The state board of health has been notified and will probably investigate the case at once.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Members of the Meadow Brook Golf club met last evening and nominated a committee to make preliminary arrangements for the annual Meadow Brook banquet, which is to be held on the eve of Thanksgiving day. The banquet, which will be held in Clan Gordon hall, will be followed by dancing and the presentation of the trophies.

At the regular meeting of Ida Read chapter, W. C. T. U., which was held Friday afternoon when the members were entertained by Mrs. Fred D. Beckley of Park street, a part of the time after the regular business session was given over to completing arrangements for the annual convention of the state W. C. T. U., to be held in Barre next week. Accommodations for nearly all of the delegates expected have been provided.

Miss Mary Given, a teacher in the schools of Chelsea, is passing the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Given of Richardson street.

Atty. H. Irving Foster of Lamoine, N. H., returned to his home to-day, after passing a few days in Barre on business. Mr. Foster will go from Claremont to Boston to-morrow to be present for the second game of the world's series. He is a cousin of George Foster, the well known Red Sox pitcher, but Boston George is not the only Foster in the family with a big league record. Atty. Foster, himself, won considerable renown as a twirler in the old Boston National team under Tenney and in his college days at Dartmouth and then at Boston university. He is an enthusiastic Red Sox fan in the present series and naturally looks to the New England team to win the hunting again this year.